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Houston A Hospitable Host

By DR. J. D. GREY
President, S. B. Convention
Brethren, Houston is ready for us! Yes, when we arrive for the W. M. U. Convention, the Pastors' Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention the first week in May, we will find Houston Baptists have provided adequate housing for all who attend. They are opening up their homes to all of us who cannot be accommodated in the hotels, motels, and other housing units.

Hospitality will be offered in the lovely homes of Houston at a very nominal rate of \$2.00 per person per night. Brethren desiring such accommodations should write immediately to the Homes Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, 2420 Milam St., Houston 6, Tex., enclosing a reservation fee of only \$2.00. The request should state clearly the number of persons in the party, their sex, whether they are adults or children, as well as the anticipated time of arrival and departure. If this is done immediately, the request will be answered

with specific instructions as to the location of the home and directions as to how it is to be reached.

Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland, general chairman of arrangements says young children will be cared for. The churches will have their nurseries open before, during, and after all Convention sessions. The local church of each host having messengers in his home will have its nurseries open to care for the children of messengers staying in that home. Messengers staying in hotels and motels will be able to secure "sitters" at a nominal fee from a list of young women who have been investigated and certified. This contact will be made with the local committee after arrival. The children will be cared for, so bring them along.

Adjourning the morning sessions of the Convention at 1:00 p. m. will prove to be a great blessing and will be very popular. The Coliseum seating 18,000 is located only (Continued On Page Two)

Churchmen Hit Crime, Liquor Emphasis On TV

Chicago — (RNS) — Television's "continued emphasis on liquor, crime and violence in many broadcasts" was criticized here by ministers attending a radio and television institute sponsored by the Church Federation of Greater Chicago and the National Council of Churches.

The ministers expressed "deep fear and apprehension for the future of radio and TV."

A resolution adopted by the institute said that because of the industry's laxity "a more definite program of controls should be established within the industry in cooperation with the public."

"The airwaves," said the resolution, "are a public trust and, in view of the fact that the number of channels is limited, the public should have a more definite voice in determining program content and policies."

"In this new age of mass communication, it is important for the broadcasting industry to remember that freedom of speech for the American people means access by all citizens to the information and cultural images necessary if their decisions are to be intelligent and our civilization healthy."

The institute also recommended that:

A "representative voice of Protestantism" on the air be set up.

Stations give 10 per cent of their air time to non-commercial agencies, such as educational and religious groups.

Channel 11 include programming of religious as well as cultural and educational emphasis.

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DR. SADLER POINTS TO DIFFICULTIES IN ITALY

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has just visited Italy to survey the situation of Protestants in that country and to review national and missionary relations.

Dr. Sadler said the attitude of civil and Roman Catholic authorities toward Protestants has not changed materially since he was there last summer. "There is, however, more evidence now than there was then that the Government wants to enforce the laws of 1929-30, rather than the spirit of the post-war constitution," he wrote from Rome.

(Laws, dating back to Italy's Fascist era, require a church to have government recognition. Italy's new constitution, however, guarantees religious freedom for all.)

"Apparently our people and other evangelicals are still victims of what has been called a 'bloodless persecution,'" Dr. Sadler continued.

State Baptist Papers Over The Top; Circulation Exceeds One Million

By DR. LOUIE D. NEWTON
Let's stand, brethren, and sing Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow—we've reached the goal of one million circulation of our State Baptist Papers, set by the messengers to the Convention at Miami, last May, by the time we were to meet in Houston, this May. And this does not include the delayed report of the circulation of The Pacific Coast Baptist.

As of February 1, 1953, the circulation of the 20 State Baptist Papers reporting amounted to 1,017,496. With February, March and April yet to go, we hope to report a circulation of 1,025,000 when we meet in Houston.

When you recall that the total

circulation of the State Baptist Papers was 192,000 in 1940, when the Southern Baptist Convention, at the request of the Editors, appointed a committee to cooperate in the vital undertaking of getting more Baptist papers in Baptist homes, you will understand how happy everyone should be with the above report.

Please allow the appeal to pastors and lay leaders to consider putting your State Baptist Paper in your church budget right away, and join the happy throng of Southern Baptists at Houston in undergirding every phase of our cooperative effort to advance the Kingdom of God. Thanks.

600 Boys Expected For State's First Royal Ambassador Congress On Friday



BILL BAILEY



FRANK LING

Up to 600 boys from every section of Mississippi are expected to attend Mississippi Baptists' first State Royal Ambassador Congress to get under way at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson tomorrow (Friday).

Presiding at the opening session on Friday afternoon will be Bill Bailey of Jackson, Ambassador Plenipotentiary, according to Joel Ray, of Jackson, State Baptist Royal Ambassador secretary who will direct the Congress.

The Royal Ambassadors range in age from 9 to 17 and form the boys missionary organization of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The boys, representing the 700 chapters in the state, will be welcomed by Mayor Allen Thompson and Dr. Harold G. Basden, host pastor.

Several outstanding out-of-state leaders are scheduled to appear, including Gerald Buckley, of Arizona; Gerald Riddell, missionary to South America; Dr. Loyd Corder, of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; J. D. Wagnon, Little Rock, Arkansas R. A. Secretary; Glen McCullough, of Atlanta, Georgia R. A. Secretary, Frank Ling and Dr. Wash Watts of New Orleans Seminary.

State leaders to be on the program include: Miss Edwina Robinson, state W. M. U. secretary; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, state executive secretary, and Rev. Joe Abrams, state promotion director, all of Jackson, and Wendell Russell of Monticello.

Sponsoring the Congress will be the state Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary.

James L. Sullivan Elected Sunday School Board Head

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)— Doctor James L. Sullivan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., since 1950, was today elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention. He succeeds Dr. T. L. Holcomb, who has been secretary of the Board for eighteen years.

Before going to Abilene, Dr. Sullivan was pastor of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., from 1946 to 1950. He has held other pastorates in Brookhaven and Clinton, Miss., Ripley, Tenn. Beaver Dam, and Boston, Ky.

Dr. Sullivan is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received his Th. M. degree in 1935. Mississippi College conferred the degree of D. D. in 1948.

He is the author of Your Life and Your Church and has been a contributing editor to numerous magazines, religious journals, Sunday school quarterlies and tracts.

Dr. Sullivan was born at Silver Creek, Miss., March 12, 1916. He married Velma Scott, Tylertown, Miss., Oct. 22, 1935. They have three children.

Dr. Sullivan will assume his new duties in June upon the retirement of Dr. Holcomb. At that time Dr. Holcomb will become secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, having been elected to this position at its January meeting.



JAMES L. SULLIVAN

Evangelism Director Reports On Conference

According to Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Director of Evangelism, the registration cards of those attending the State Evangelistic Conference in Jackson, January 27-29 show:

Missionaries present 15; Chairmen of Evangelism 32; Organizers of Evangelism 30; Number of Churches represented 442; Total registered 581; Ministers present 373; Associations represented 75; Associational simultaneous revivals planned 23; Churches planning 1 revival 174; Churches planning 2 revivals 186; Churches planning 3 or more 9.

The date of the 1954 Evangelistic Conference will be January 18, 19 and 20; Monday night, through Wednesday noon.

100 Churches Leading In Total Gifts To All Mission Causes

Church	Amount	89. Natchez, First	1,028.63
1. Jackson, First	\$23,225.60	90. Houston, First	1,000.24
2. Jackson Calvary	17,581.29	91. Tylertown, First	999.86
3. Meridian, First	9,992.53	92. McComb, Central	986.04
4. Columbs, First	9,954.37	93. Indianola, First	972.31
5. McComb, First	8,024.54	94. McComb, Friendship	964.27
6. Tupelo, Calvary	7,992.05	95. Mt. Olive	945.43
7. Brookhaven, First	7,730.20	96. Morton	943.53
8. Biloxi, First	6,824.29	97. Charleston, First	940.46
9. Laurel, First	6,469.77	98. Webb	937.71
10. Vicksburg, First	6,454.14	99. Waynesboro, First	935.16
11. West Point, First	6,169.84	100. Poplarville, First	922.52
12. Leland	6,159.63		
13. Gulfport, First	6,144.53		
14. Clinton	5,954.63		
15. Columbia, First	5,284.03		
16. Meridian, 15th Ave.	4,983.34		
17. Pascagoula, First	4,920.18		
18. Hattiesburg, Main St.	4,575.94		
19. Jackson, Daniel Mem.	4,086.10		
20. Forest, First	4,058.47		
21. New Albany, First	4,029.47		
22. Cleveland, First	3,936.68		
23. Greenwood, First	3,923.14		
24. Crystal Springs, First	3,883.38		
25. Hattiesburg, First	3,870.75		
26. Kosciusko, First	3,611.89		
27. Newton	3,575.32		
28. Starkville, First	3,484.02		
29. Picayune, First	3,458.71		
30. Louisville, First	3,411.55		
31. Jackson, Parkway	3,352.27		
32. Yazoo City, First	3,292.75		
33. Natchez, First	3,096.54		
34. Batesville	2,979.47		
35. Durant, First	2,967.35		
36. Canton, First	2,957.33		
37. Belzoni, First	2,610.29		
38. Biloxi, First	2,566.96		
39. Jackson, Northside	2,490.81		
40. Hazlehurst, First	2,460.24		
41. Quitman, First	2,477.15		
42. Prentiss, First	2,259.85		
43. McComb, East	2,259.70		
44. Philadelphia, First	2,149.80		
45. Meridian, Southside	2,125.80		
46. Lucedale, First	2,116.84		
47. Holly Springs, First	2,087.83		
48. Moss Point, First	2,077.98		
49. Hattiesburg, Temple	2,051.96		
50. Meridian, Poplar Spgs.	2,049.68		
51. Bay Springs	2,032.19		
52. Liberty	2,000.78		
53. Jackson, Van Winkle	1,992.88		
54. Aberdeen, First	1,989.07		
55. Carthage, First	1,941.85		
56. Hollandale, First	1,744.15		
57. Calhoun City, First	1,742.90		
58. Itta Bena, First	1,716.45		
59. Water Valley, First	1,704.85		
60. Blue Mountain, Lowrey Memorial	1,653.80		
61. Meridian, Highland	1,572.83		
62. Corinth, First	1,567.02		
63. Drew, First	1,561.46		
64. Pontotoc, First	1,527.69		
65. Monticello	1,500.33		
66. Lyon	1,497.73		
67. Jackson, Alta Woods	1,454.84		
68. Tunica	1,452.03		
69. Tupelo, Harrisburg	1,430.59		
70. Clarksdale, First	1,407.45		
71. Winona, First	1,383.39		
72. Ruleville, First	1,379.43		
73. Tupelo, First	1,348.96		
74. Booneville First	1,326.50		
75. Magee	1,294.23		
76. Magnolia, First	1,281.96		
77. Laurel, West	1,268.95		
78. Steen's Creek, Florence	1,246.34		
79. Sardis	1,221.95		
80. Lumberton	1,219.92		
81. McComb, South	1,210.65		
82. Galilee, Gloster	1,198.04		
83. Wiggins	1,184.34		
84. Amory	1,153.46		
85. Laurel, Second Ave.	1,150.35		
86. Long Beach	1,137.38		
87. Jackson, Griffith Mem.	1,109.33		
88. Okolona	1,093.97		

Total \$401,417.28

You'll Need A Raincoat In Houston May 6-10

Houston, Tex.—(BP)—“To attempt to forecast the kind of weather we will have in Houston during the Convention is something that no person in his right mind would try to do,” said William R. Estep, chairman of the publicity committee for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, May 6-10. “Texans always identify a weather prophet with a newcomer or an imbecile, depending upon his appearance. Maybe this is the reason I could get no long range forecast from the local U. S. Weather Bureau. However, the Bureau did indicate that we have averaged in the past, eighty-four maximum and sixty-six minimum temperatures, nine clear days and seven rainy days for the whole month of May.”

“But at the risk of my reputation, judging from the last two years during the month of May, you can expect very warm days and somewhat cooler nights,” Estep said. “The air conditioned Music Hall will be mighty comfortable and the Coliseum a little on the warm side. Dress as you would if you were going to Miami. Summer clothes will be the order of the day. Remember, bring along a raincoat. It has been known to rain in Houston during May.”

Hinds Crusades Set For 1954 And 1955

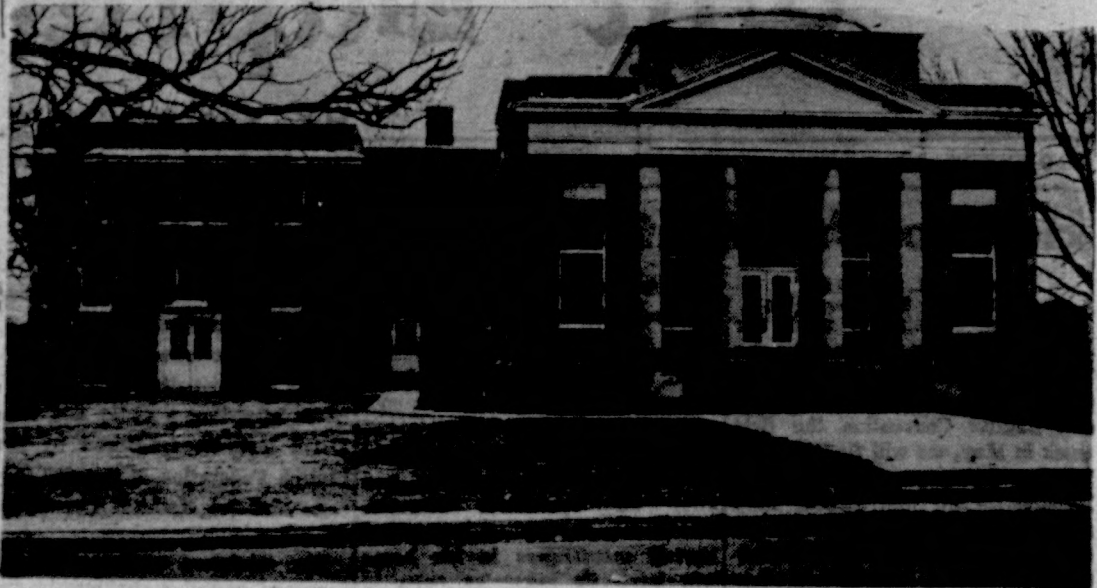
The date for the 1954 Simultaneous Revival Crusade in Hinds Association has been set for April 18-May 1, according to Rev. H. A. Milner, chairman of the association's evangelistic committee.

Rev. Wayne Todd is the organizer for the crusade and Dr. C. E. Willbanks, State Director of Evangelism, will direct the association's program.

According to the chairman, a large number of churches have already secured their evangelist and others are even now in the process of making their plans. The manifested enthusiasm indicates that the churches will co-operate 100 percent in this program.

The date for the 1955 Simultaneous Crusade has also been set and Rev. Fred Eastham, pastor First Church of Springfield, Mo., secured as director.

Senatobia Dedicates Educational Building



Sunday, Mar. 8 was an outstanding day at the First Church of Senatobia, the occasion being the dedication of the handsome Educational Building recently completed.

The impressive dedication service was held at 11 o'clock with the pastor, Dr. H. L. Martin, delivering the dedication sermon. The music included congregational singing, pipe organ and piano numbers, an anthem by the choir and a solo, “Bless This House”, by

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five block from the heart of the city. Following the sessions we can enjoy our meal in the variety of delightful eating places without having to “bolt” our food and rush back to an afternoon session. Then, too, by the time we arrive for lunch the local people will have finished theirs and ours can be enjoyed leisurely. The afternoons will then be free for rest, recreation, fellowship, sight-seeing, or conferences.

The beloved pastors and people in the more than 100 Baptist churches of Houston are keenly anticipating our visit. I recently spent a delightful week with the South Main Baptist Church in a revival. While there I had the pleasure of speaking to the Baptist pastors. They are wholeheartedly co-operating to provide for our comfort and convenience during the Convention. Their churches, their homes, their hearts are open to us.

Eiji Seki, senior law student at Tokyo University and active member of the Keisen Baptist Church in Tokyo, was adjudged first place winner in a recent essay contest conducted by the English Mainichi one of Japan's leading newspapers. The contest subject, “How Japan Can Contribute to the Peace of the World,” attracted 200 responses from the newspaper's student readers. Seki's essay, calling upon his country to assume a responsible position alongside the other free nation of the world, won for him a cash award of \$200.

Dr. W. Marshall Craig, Dallas, pastor of the Gaston Avenue Church for twenty-six years, has resigned, effective May 1. During his pastorate the membership has increased from 1,800 to 7,000.

Thomas N. Gregory.

Sunday afternoon the Church held “Open House” which was largely attended and gave the people of the entire area an opportunity to look through the new building and enjoy a social hour. Committee chairmen in charge of this happy occasion were: Invitations, Mrs. E. C. Fisher; Arrangements, Mrs. H. L. Ferguson; Refreshments, Mrs. Robert S. Payne; Flowers, Mrs. M. P. Moore; Ushers, R. S. Payne. The Building Committee and the heads of the several departments of the Church welcomed the guests.

The Educational Building is a three-story, brick veneer structure, 34 by 76 feet in size and cost, including equipment, \$67,188.87, all of which has been paid. It provides assembly and class rooms for five departments, pastor's

study, church office, large dining and recreation room, kitchen, cloakroom, nursery, rest rooms and storage rooms. The auditorium, additional assembly and class rooms, library, choir room and dressing rooms are provided in the church building already in use.

The new building was planned by Edwin B. Phillips, Memphis architect, in consultation with the Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and was built by M. O. Gann of Senatobia. Members of the Building Committee were M. P. Moore, chairman, Charles D. Baughman, vice chairman, Mrs. Heber Aiken, secretary, C. S. Baker, treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Veazey, E. E. Moore, F. A. Smith, R. H. Harris, A. L. Rodman, M. O. Gann and Dr. H. L. Martin, pastor.



Christian Flags

Use a flag like this one in your church auditorium. We also have the American Flag in the same size. The Christian and American Flag set will enhance the appearance of your church.

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God Bless America?

A few weeks ago, according to press reports, President Eisenhower attended a cocktail party in New York. A recent press release by Drew Pearson tells of a GOP Drinking Club which is to be located right across from the House of Representatives Office Building. It is reported that it is to have a plush lounge with little tables around the bar and 13 rooms for private drinking and conversation.

It is also reported that several distinguished leaders of the new administration had kicked in to set up the Capitol Hill Club, including Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, \$500; Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, \$500; Hal Talbot, the new Secretary for Air, \$500; Postmaster General Summerfield, \$500.

Some other contributors listed in this report are Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas, Eisenhower's personal leader in the senate; Clare Booth Luce, Ambassador-to-be; and Patrick J. Hurley, ex-secretary of war. It is also reported the District of Columbia Liquor Board had previously denied a license to a lady right next door to the proposed liquor store. Not only did they deny the license to the woman but they waived the rule which demanded that applicants be fingerprinted. Some of the distinguished Republicans objected. However, Jiggs Donohue, Commissioner in the District of Columbia and attorney for the biggest liquor dealer in town, is said to have stepped in and overruled the liquor board and waived the fingerprint exercise.

But don't blame the Republicans for this act. Remember the area around the capitol was kept clear of liquor places until the Democrats came in power.

The point we are making is that God doesn't seem to have much chance in our government. If we succeed it seems that we are going to do it without asking God in.

—BR—

New Editor Takes Over

With this issue, a new editor takes charge of the Baptist Record. The former editor has not been fired but just made over. I have the same name as before but after six weeks of real vacation, I am physically a NEW man.

So far as I can recall, this is the first real vacation I have ever had. I have had the usual vacation many times. But the USUAL vacation includes trying to visit a dozen places and relatives or friends in as many days. Also included in the USUAL vacation was a stack of work taken along to be done between jumps.

Not so this time. The Conven-

tion Board instructed that I was to do no work and I obeyed those instructions at least 98 per cent. I did take along ten books to read but I found that I enjoyed doing nothing so much better that I read 20 pages of one book. Most of the work I did consisted of writing a few, very few, letters, some "wish you were here" cards and reading the daily papers.

My friends who have seen me think that I look much better physically but no better from the standpoint of beauty. I will probably live at least ten years longer than under ordinary circumstances because of the fact that I visited the Fountain of Youth at St. Augustine, Florida and drank two glasses of its water. The sun tan which I acquired at Miami is a source of envy to my friends and joy to me.

I feel that I can render much better service during the coming months because, even though I have the same name, I am a new man.

During these days of rest, I had time to think and plan. Many plans for the improvement of the Baptist Record have been made and will be put in practice as time passes.

I shall be forever grateful to the Convention Board, the Baptists of Mississippi and the individuals who originated the idea of a rest for the editor of the Baptist Record.

But every sweet has its bitter. To my chagrin, I found that there were others who could carry on as well, and some think better, as I could. In other words, I found that I was not indispensable. Those who stayed by the stuff carried on

in a great way and so far as I am able to determine I wasn't even missed. The only thing that was hurt was my pride in finding out that others could do such an excellent job.

—A. L. Goodrich.

P. S.—Mrs. Goodrich also enjoyed the vacation. She says she had six weeks of perfect peace—WHILE I WAS GONE.

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Rainbow At Evening

The Southern Baptist Convention never did a more constructive and spiritual thing than it did when it launched the Relief and Annuity Board. Of course, we know that the annuity contracts are no longer written but the few who were fortunate enough to take advantage of one when they were in force can testify to the wisdom of the same. With a sense of shame we have to admit that the Relief department is far too feeble to meet the crying needs of many old disabled ministers or the wives of the deceased. The remedy lies in larger gifts from the churches. Alas! Many of our churches are slow to learn and reluctant to give generously for one whose work is done.

But in the Ministers Retirement Plan, which is the main work of the Board, the future looks, if not bright, certainly fair. Any pastor and his church, in cooperation with the State Board, can provide a fund upon which he can draw when the clouds of anxiety gather because of old age or disability. No one can stay the sunset but any one can paint a glow in the clouds

as they gather upon the western horizon. If he has only a mind to save the bare pittance of 3% of his salary to which his church and the State Mission Board will add an additional 5%, he can drive the clouds away. Already the clouds are gathering. Is the rainbow there? That is a personal matter. Are you in the Retirement Plan?

—Dr. C. S. Henderson

Our Riders Club

Last year the Baptist Record was able to be of service to several people who planned to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami. We kept a list of people who were driving and wanted passengers, as well as passengers who wanted rides, and got the people in touch with each other.

Again the Baptist Record offers to be of whatever service it can. Anyone who is driving to Houston and wants one or more passengers should write to the Baptist Record giving the necessary information. Anyone wishing a ride should do likewise.

The Baptist Record will do its best to put these people in touch with each other.

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Our Readers Write

SHE APPROVES

I thoroughly enjoyed your editorial on the new Bible. It made a lot of things clearer to me. I let one of my neighbors, Mrs. Edwards, read it and she thought it was fine.

—A North Carolina Reader.

The Baptist Record:

I have seen references in the Baptist Record and in many other papers, to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Somebody seems confused. Some try to make people believe that the Revised Standard Version denies the virgin birth of Christ. To those I suggest that they read in the Revised Standard Version Matthew 1:18.

"Now the birth of Jesus took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit."

The scholars who made the translation had the advantage of the very oldest Hebrew and Greek manuscripts which they studied and thus they have given us the benefit of their years of research.

—A READER.

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Christian Stewardship Week Interest Gaining Momentum Over The State

Interest and enthusiasm on behalf of Christian Stewardship Week, Oct. 18-25 is running high, according to information reaching the office of W. R. Roberts, general chairman.

Churches by the scores in every section of the state have committed themselves to conduct a school of stewardship on this date.

In many associations the associational organizations are gunning for a 100 per cent participation.

This is a Convention-wide movement and Mississippi is falling in line with the other states in urging a 100 per cent participation on the part of the churches.

"This is church-centered week" according to Mr. Roberts in saying that it should be church-wide in scope with every unit of the church cooperating.

Listed below is the third group of churches that have committed themselves to participate. Others will be listed later. In one or two cases churches will use another date:

Main Street, Hattiesburg, Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor.
Morton, Rev. Carl Duck.
Shubuta, Rev. L. R. Alford.
Lexington, Rev. P. D. Bragg.
First, Booneville, Rev. C. A. Alexander.
Walnut, Rev. Ervin Brown.
East Tupelo, Rev. J. I. Berryhill.
Schlater, Rev. Marcus Alexander.
Iuka, Rev. Thurman Booth.
Second, Greenville, Dr. Perry Claxton.
Pittsboro, Rev. Jesse L. Morgan.
Big Creek, Calhoun Co., Rev. Jesse L. Morgan.
Collins, Rev. W. B. Abel.
Southside, Columbus, Rev. Boyd Armstrong.
Byram, Jackson, Rev. Henry J. Bennett.
28th Avenue, Hattiesburg, Rev. H. H. Bridges.
First, Bay St. Louis, Rev. Schuyler Batson.
Potts Camp, Rev. J. L. Brown.
Forest, Rev. J. P. Brantley.
First, Meadville, Rev. B. T. Bishop.
Ackerman, Rev. Samuel Brown.
Richton, Rev. W. M. Averett.
Wallerville, Union Co., Rev. Wayne King.
First, Yazoo City, Dr. W. C. Fields.
Burnsville, Rev. J. W. Kitchens.
First, Vicksburg, Dr. John G. McCall.
Antioch, Greene Co., Rev. James Dunnam.
Leaf, Greene Co., Rev. James Dunnam.
Hurricane Creek, Rev. Jack L. Bilbo.
Pleasant Ridge, Chickasaw Co., Rev. Arlis Bryant.
Greens Creek, Lebanon, Rev. Q. C. Barrett.
Bethlehem, Yazoo Co., Rev. M. M. Brown.
Coldwater, Neshoba Co., Rev. Wilbur C. Breland.
Mt. Zion, Franklin Co., Rev. James N. Dykes.
Santa Rose, Pearl River Co., Rev.

Franklin Atkinson.
Murphy Creek, Winston Co., Rev. H. C. Burns.
Calvary, Lawrence Co., Rev. C. L. Boland.

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Sidon Church Observes Anniversary Of Pastor



REV. R. L. JORDAN
The Sidon Church is currently observing the first anniversary of its pastor, Rev. R. L. Jordan, by noting some unusual gains made during the year.

The church has gone full-time which has been responsible for many of the gains made.

There have been 50 additions, 26 for baptism; the church budget has increased 50 per cent with the Cooperative Program up 100 per cent.

Both the church building and the parsonage have been improved with plans for an educational annex.

The church organizations have shown marked gains. A revival is planned for March 29-April 3 with Rev. James Fairchild, of Louisville, to be the visiting evangelist and Robert Nations of State Line to be the song leader.

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TO DISCUSS SEMINARY EXTENSION CENTER

Lee Gallman, Director Southern Baptist Seminary's Extension Department will address the pastors in the DeSoto and Tate Associations, Tuesday, March 17th at 2:30 p. m., at the Coldwater Baptist Church. Pastor Eugene Fleming of Horn Lake, and F. V. McFatrige, pastor of the Coldwater Church are local sponsors of the meeting to discuss the opening of a center in that area to study the Bible and subjects related to ministerial training.

The Seminary Extension Department has opened centers in North and South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and Indiana. The headquarters are in Jackson, Mississippi where both correspondence and extension education is promoted.

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There is a personal element in everything that is great and worthwhile.



ictured above are the members of the Building Committee of the First Church, Petal along with the deacons and the pastor, Rev. A. T. Walker. They are, left to right (first row): Con Hutto, C. S. McCoy, J. R. Watts, H. G. Culpepper, Sr., Mrs. H. D. McGilvray, H. H. Burkett, Rev. A. T. Walker, C. C. Allen, Jr., Chairman of the Building Committee. Reck row: A. G. Sammons, Horace Culpepper, Jr., H. A. Tynes and H. I. Hardy. The note burning is the last note on the pastor's home. Just before the notes were burned the church voted to increase Cooperative Program gifts to 10% of total collections.

NAME CHANGED FOR WMU TRAINING SCHOOL

Louisville, Ky.—(BP)—The name of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School has been changed to Carver School of Missions and Social Work. The change was made by the board of directors in line with instructions from the Woman's Missionary Union that met in Miami last May. Announcement of the change was made by Miss Emily Lansdell, president of the school. The new name, which will become effective next summer was chosen in tribute to Dr. W. O. Carver, well known Southern Baptist mission leader. Dr. Carver has been connected with the school since its beginning. He is regarded as the first professor of the school, having established a class for girls in 1903 which merged with the Training School in 1907. He served as faculty member from 1907 to 1943 and now is a member of the advisory board for the school.

The board of directors also announced that two degrees will be offered for general Christian workers, a bachelor of religious education for one year's work and a master of religious education for two year's work. For a third year of specialized work, candidates will receive either a master of science or a master of arts degree. Transfer students will be accepted from other institutions. The school is open to both men and women. A new faculty member was employed. She is Miss Grace Chen, who receives her Ph. D. from the University of Virginia this spring. She has taught in schools both in China and America. She will specialize in methods for teaching English to foreigners and the teaching of adults to read.

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Rev. Joe Abrams, director of promotion, presented the Retirement Plans and the ministry of the Relief and Annuity Board to the regular monthly meeting of the Northeast Pastors Conference on Monday of this week. The meeting was held at the First Church in Tupelo, with Reverend George Gay, pastor of First Church of Ripley, president, in the chair.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young
Clinton, Miss.

CALLED AND ACCEPTED:

J. D. Thornhill, Mt. Herman Church, Walters, La., from Aimwell.

Seaburn T. Hicks, First, Grand Bay, Alabama from Ruhama Church, Anniston, Ala.

Mason E. Bonderant, Trinity Church, Fort Smith, Ark. from U. S. Chaplaincy.

Phillip E. Rogerson, Bon Air, Richmond, Va., from Ephesus Church, Winchester, Ky.

G. Nelson Duke, Forest Park, Montgomery, Ala. from Cowan, Tenn.

R. B. Paterson, Jr., Westover, Jackson, Tenn. from Sharon, Miss.

Bill Baker, Chapel Hill, West Monroe, La., from Fishville, La.

H. O. Worthy, Frierson, La., from Big Crane, Morrow, La.

Eddie Savoie, Missionary, Luther Rice Association, La., from Chatham.

Charles A. Trentham, First, Knoxville, Tenn. from Professor, Southwestern Seminary.

Edd Williams, Parhams Church, Ouachita Association, La.

L. Jack Gray, Euclid, St. Louis, Mo. from First, Konawa, Okla.

H. B. Stone, Dyess, Arkansas from Missionary, St. Francis Association, Ark.

N. L. Gilliland, Katherwood, Birmingham, Ala. from Vinemont, Ala.

J. L. Davis, Circlewood, Tuscaloosa, Ala. from Uniontown, Ala.

Hermon C. Inge, Chester, Va., from Enon, Hollins, Va.

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NO HOUSTON NURSERY

Houston, Tex. (BP)—No nursery facilities will be provided at the Coliseum or the Music Hall during the Southern Baptist Convention. An approved list of baby sitters will be provided by the Child Care Committees of the Woman's Missionary Union Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. If at all possible, it is suggested that parents refrain from bringing children to the Convention. Nursery will be maintained in most of the churches for local Baptists and their guests who could not otherwise attend the Convention sessions.

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CAROLYN MADISON

Dr. Irving M. Prince, Pastor of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, is to lead a conference for Adult Advisers and Miss Carolyn Madison, of the State Sunday School Dept., is to lead a Vacation Bible School Clinic at the State Retreat for BSU Officers, Woman's College, April 17-19.

Local BSU's are reminded and urged to elect their new officers and also to have ready their nominations for State Officers.

CAMPUSOLOGY

After Bro. Van Hardin, of Lucedale, spoke on "Making Every Vocation Christian" during Perkinson Jr's Dedicated Vocations Week, nine students made the decision to follow the leadership of God in choosing their vocations.

The word from Jones Jr. is that Dr. Harold Basden, of Jackson, REW speaker, was used to bless in a fine way.

One recently joined Decatur Church from E. C. J. C.

A total of 314 made public decisions during Spiritual Emphasis Week at Miss. College led by Chester Swor.

Pastors, write us for Youth-led Revival workers.

March is Summer Service Enlistment month. Have you enlisted?

Our Seventh anniversary as your State Sec'y comes March 19th. These have been busy years filled with many undeserved blessings. Pray for us, please, as we pray for you.

Fruits Of An Associational Mission Program Shown In Alcorn Example

BY JOE ABRAMS
Director of Promotion

The fruits of an associational mission program can best be portrayed in concrete terms.

The results of the past three years of the Alcorn County mission program reveal many of the desired results to be obtained from such a program.

Rev. R. B. Patterson has served the past three years as missionary and as he leaves to become area missionary for Tishomingo and Itawamba counties we recount below some of the highlights of those years. This accomplishment could at the same time be recited from many similar associational programs in the state.

The association now has a general associational corps of officers, as well as a missions committee and an executive committee.

It has an associational organization for Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U. and music.

The association now has a clerks' and moderators organization as well as a steering committee for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign.

Included in the associational work is a unified budget, a calendar of activities and a radio program.

A 100 percent increase has been shown in the number of usable pastor's homes.

A comparison of associational minutes shows similar gains in every phase of the work.

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Robbing God

A Chinese preacher, speaking of robbing God, used this illustration: "It came to pass that a man went to market with a string of seven coins. Seeing a beggar who asked for alms, he gave the poor man six of the coins and kept one for himself. The beggar, instead of being thankful, followed the good man and stole the seventh coin also. What an abominable wretch! Yes, and would you, to whom God has given six days, steal the seventh also?"

This Lord's Day should be regarded and observed as the Lord's Day. Surely the sincere Christian will not steal the Lord's Day for pleasure excursions, secular business, or lazy idleness. It is a day that should honor God's house. —"Weekly Messenger" First Church, Grenada.

POWER THROUGH CLOSING THE LEAK IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

By DR. PERRY CLAXTON
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Greenville, Mississippi

In the city where I live there is a Baptist Church of more than 1,000 members. They are without a building, a pastor, or a program. They do not support any missions, they have no Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood or W. M. U. They never meet together and most of them never worship. You may know them in your city as the church of the unaffiliated. Now that is true in my city is true in yours. The question that plagues the minds of us all is—how may we close this leak in church membership?

The problem of absentee membership on one hand and the unaffiliated on the other hand pose one of our greatest church concerns. I need but refer to the records of my own church to see an appalling weakness in the framework of our organization. What's wrong with us that there are hundreds of our members in one of these neutralized positions—unregenerated, undeveloped, or unconcerned.

It has been and still is the most popular and comfortable answer to say that those who go out from us were never with us, that is, they were never genuinely converted, and while this is a recognized fact in many instances it does not by any means explain absenteeism and unaffiliation in the majority of cases.

The problem of the unconverted church member is as old as Demas who deserted Paul having loved this present world and as numerous as the one hundred disciples who went away never to follow Jesus again. What to do for the foolish pretender who journeys with the wise believer in the regalia of the wedding and has his lamp trim but with no oil in the vessel is more than I can answer in this brief moment. I know the only hope for their conversion lies in the convicting power of spiritual preaching and a full acceptance of Christ as Lord. For they hear not the word of God they would not believe though one came from the grave to preach unto them.

The second reason for our problem is the undeveloped Christian. I am afraid that when we ask the candidate for membership to be seated we never encourage him to get up. It would be trite for me to remind you that our churches have sufficient organization for the orientation of every new member, and while the heart is still warmed by the spiritual satisfaction of obeying the voice of God we should move quickly to begin the Christian development of the babe in Christ.

The third reason for our problem is the unconcerned. I think the Old Testament has the best name for such a condition—backsliding. Backsliding is spiritual declension and a very serious deterrent in church life. I believe it to be our greatest arrestment in this

Kingdom's progress. We are becoming more and more aware of this burden and are searching diligently to apply the preventatives rather than the remedies to this ravaging disease.

What Are Such Preventatives?

1. A more informative and impressive reception of new members. The church ought to let the new member know he has joined something and that such an affiliation imposes the strongest ties known to man. We should cause them to recite the church covenant so that there is no mistaking the serious obligation assumed, especially the concluding paragraph.

"We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the Spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's word."

2. We should improve or intensify our enlistment program for growing the church member. Probably the greatest reason for absenteeism is poor development and integration in the early states of church membership. Most of them are babes in Christ, often deserted by the church in their infancy and never developed into Christian maturity. They cause more grief for the pastor and more unhappiness in the church than any other singular condition.

3. An ever developing enlargement program that affords an opportunity for every member to work. Nothing quenches the spiritual urge to serve like idleness. The very crying need for new leaders in our church demands our going out after the unaffiliated with a sense of urgency and a vision of the work and an assurance of being needed that impresses the unaffiliated to the point of an immediate decision.

4. When the information of your latest census is digested, take the cards of the unaffiliated and write the church where they indicate they hold membership reporting their residence in your city. In many cases your letter will enlighten the other church of the whereabouts of a member that has been lost to them for years. In your letter encourage the pastor to write to these absentee members of his and encourage them to join a Baptist Church where they now live.

5. The fifth preventative is a constant contact with the unchurched until there can be no doubt in his mind of your interest. Sometime in the duration of these contacts you will find him really needing the church and at that golden moment you can win him wholly to an active Christian life.

Remember this, with every year the unaffiliated buries the talents he might use for God, that year is lost forever to him and to the church. What we sometimes say may be true, that sooner or later he will come back to the church. Well, maybe so, but some have come back with six men carrying them in a casket and the awful truth was very apparent. They came but their coming was too late.

JOINS HOME LIFE



REUBEN HERRING

Reuben Herring of Dothan, Alabama, has been named associate editor of Home Life, the Christian family magazine published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mr. Herring is a journalist who since 1946 has been sports editor of the Dothan Eagle. He succeeds Richmond O. Brown who has been transferred to the Sunday School Board's new Advertising Department. Mr. Herring is well grounded in the editorial profession. His father and grandfather before him edited the Daily Gazette of Tifton, Georgia. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a major in journalism, and served overseas in the army.

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REV. BURNIS BARRETT

Rev. Burnis Barrett, pastor of the Central Grove Church, Aberdeen, was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, March 1, by the First Baptist Church, Columbus. Mr. Barrett is a student at Mississippi College.

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Benton	279
Bolivar	3
Calhoun	13
Carroll	46
Chickasaw	13
Choctaw	2
Clarke	24
Clay	43
Copiah	62
Covington	27
Deer Creek	27
DeSoto	17
Franklin	50
George	66
Greene	331
Grenada	2618
Gulf Coast	23
Hinds	152
Holmes	32
Itawamba	118
Jackson	381
Jasper	966
Jefferson Davis	117
Jones	87
Kemper	526
Lafayette	53
Lamar	24
Lauderdale	11
Lawrence	49
Leake	232
Lebanon	394
Lee	205
LeFlore	2
Lincoln	463
Lowndes	45
Madison	312
Marion	31
Marshall	170
Mississippi	257
Monroe	25
Montgomery	3
Neshoba	70
Newton	83
New Choctaw	258
Noxubee	42
Oktibbeha County	332
Panola	44
Pearl River	485
Perry	447
Pike	157
Pontotoc	5
Prentiss	96
Rankin	130
Riverside	209
Scott	121
Sharkey-Issaquena	42
Simpson	159
Smith	34
Sunflower	106
Tallahatchie	206
Tate	25
Tippah	11
Tishomingo	119
Union	297
Union County	106
Walthall	266
Warren	11
Washington	11
Wayne	8
Winston	297
Yalobusha	106
Yazoo	266
Zion	1163

* Indicates associations which have reported no study course awards since 1 October, 1952.

Record Attendance in Mississippi Association

A record attendance of 225 Training Union workers attended the quarterly Mass meeting of Mississippi Association on Tuesday, March 3, at Oak Grove Church.

Of this number ten were pastors, ten were Training Union directors and thirteen were associational officers. Mrs. Matt Duck, the Associational Director, presided.

Conferences were held for each age group prior to the mass meeting. Bethel Baptist Church earned the Efficiency Banner and Calvary Church took home the Attendance Banner. A Mileage Banner was also presented. Rev. John Dent of Calvary and Rev. Guy Little of Mt. Olive Church were on the program.

Covington Association Holds Leadership School

An average attendance of 223 was maintained throughout the week as Covington Association engaged in its leadership school at Collins during the week of February 22-27. The total enrolment reached 292. Mrs. C. C. Rogers is the Associational Director.

This association has eighteen churches with Training Union work in all but one church. Thirteen of these churches had representatives present for three or more nights; three were listed for less than three nights while two churches were not represented during the week.

The churches attending regularly, with the average attendance from each church, are listed here: Collins 61, Salem 31, Seminary 12, Calhoun 7, Leaf River 10, Union Junior 10, Cold Springs 5, Lebanon 2, Ora 2, Rock Hill 7, Williamsburg 4 and Willow Grove 2.

Pearl River Association

Rev. Morrell Lee, Associational Training Union Director, and a large number of the Pearl River Associational Training Union officers reviewed the Associational Training Union Manual in a meeting held at Carriere Baptist Church on Monday, March 2. Rev. Phil Walker was host pastor.

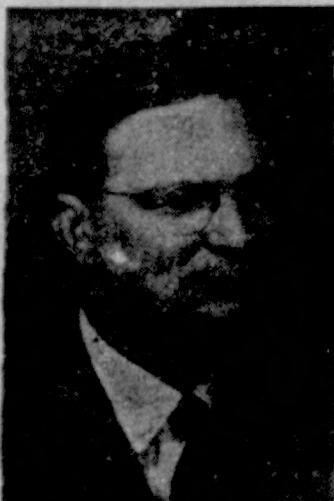
Training Union work in this association has been efficiently planned and is making rapid progress. Plans are under way for two group leadership schools in September to be held at Poplarville and Picayune.

Cherry Creek Completes Course

The Cherry Creek Baptist Church of Pontotoc County has just completed a Training Union study course with an average attendance of 75.

Dr. W. C. Tyler, Bible teacher at Blue Mountain College and pastor of the church, led the Adults, teaching the book of Philipians. Miss Jane Ray Bean, Baptist Student Union Secretary of Blue Mountain College had charge of the Young People's group. Mrs. Frank Steely, a teacher in the public school of Blue Mountain taught the Juniors and Miss Mary Joe Ray had charge of the children's group.

New President



REV. HAROLD DOUGLAS

Rev. Harold Douglas, pastor of Moak's Creek Baptist Church, was elected president of the Lincoln County Pastors' Conference at the regular monthly meeting, Monday, March 1, at First Church, Brookhaven. Rev. A. Marvin Sanders, former president of the Conference, has resigned his work in Lincoln County to accept the pastorate of the Metairie Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

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Siloam Church Goes To Full-Time Program

Siloam Church in Clay county on March 1 took the important step of going from half to full-time and adopting a full-time program.

Rev. Carey Sansing, pastor, has been instrumental in leading the church in its fine program of work.

There have been 69 additions to the church and the church has the Every-Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

Cooperative Program gifts have increased and the debt on the new pastorage has been paid. The church building has been painted and the Training Union attendance has doubled.

It is the first rural church in Clay county to engage in a full-time program.

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Revival Plans Announced At Beacon Church, Laurel

Revival services at Beacon Church, Laurel will begin on Sunday, March 15, with Dr. R. A. Tull of Greenwood as the preacher. Mrs. Mildred Culpepper, local choir director, will lead the music, and the pastor's daughter, Miss Pat Renfro, will preside at the piano.

Pastor J. T. Renfro has just completed four years with the Beacon Church. During these four years 240 people have come into the membership of the church. All debt on the church property was liquidated more than a year ago, and since that time several hundred dollars has gone into a building fund through the church budget. Missions offerings have averaged \$1.38 a year.

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A revival will begin at Payne Church on March 22 with Rev. H. D. Jordan of Collins doing the preaching. L. V. Martin of Clarksdale will lead the singing. Rev. H. Grady Wilkes is pastor.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

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An alert Adult Training Union is a worthwhile organization. Its main purpose is to train its members, both men and women, in Church Membership. And there is no conflict between Training Union and Brotherhood. For the Brotherhood is an organization of the men of the church, an organization which functions to inform men about all

their church and denomination are endeavoring to do, and to enlist them in a program of work which will not only help them to discover their individual abilities, but also to develop and use those abilities for the advancement of the whole program of their church and denomination. A live Brotherhood means a better Training Union!

Sunday School and Training Union, together, make up the larger part of the educational program of the average Baptist Church. A good Brotherhood works to build a better educational program; and (through a definite program of action) also functions in other major areas of church life. These areas are:

The area of worship.
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No other church organization or agency has a scope of work as broad as has the Brotherhood. For the whole program of the church is the program of the Brotherhood. And the Brotherhood seeks to organize the consecrated manpower of the church, and put this manpower to work to build a better church, better in every phase of its life and work.

And so we say, in the words of the perennial slogan of the Brotherhood Department:

"Every church needs a Brotherhood!"

—NELSON TULL.

Ruleville Church Solves Problem In Unusual Way

The Ruleville Church has solved one of its problems in a new and novel way.

The church is high off the ground, 18 steps leading to the main auditorium, which has prevented many from attending.

The church has installed an auto-speaker system similar to those used in drive-in theatres and those ordinarily unable to climb the stairs can sit in their autos on the church's parking lot and tune in the services.

An amplifier system has been installed in the ground-floor auditorium for those who cannot climb the stairs and who wish to sit there during the services.

The pastor, Rev. M. Guy Reedy, says the arrangement is working satisfactorily and effectively.

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W. M. U. Convention — March 31-April 2

Make your plans to attend the Diamond Jubilee Convention! An outline of the program will appear soon, the President of Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to SBC will be a guest speaker, the Secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board will be present. Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Holcomb are both Mississippians and come to join in this celebration. The Mississippi Missionaries on furlough will be our guests. Make your plans to attend.

WHITE CROSS SUPPLIES

Excerpts from a letter tell of the supplies that Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union sent:

The second box of linens arrived at the hospital this week. We also received recently through the Board \$2,162.88 which Mississippi W. M. U. so generously sent. We are grateful for your great interest and wonderful help. The linens are simply beautiful and were so greatly needed. With the money we have ordered some medical equipment from England, including an operating table, instruments and drugs.

"Hospital beds were the only equipment that did not have to be provided practically from scratch when the hospital came into the possession of Southern Baptists. Chairs, cupboards, tables, desks, stoves, dishes, mattresses, linen, diagnostic, surgical and laboratory instruments, sterilizing and kitchen equipment all had to be provided. So you see how the supplies that Mississippi W. M. U. sent have helped."

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

We recommend changes be made in the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union Constitution and By-Laws as follows:

ARTICLE III—Officers. Section 2—Election, be changed to read: All officers with the exception of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Young Peoples' Secretary, Business Woman's Circle Chairman, eight District Chairmen, eight Young People's Counselors, Training School Trustee and Margaret Fund chairman, shall be nominated (as hereinafter provided) on the second day of the annual meeting; election shall be by voice except in case of more than one nominee, when election shall be by ballot. The term of Convention-elected officers shall not exceed six years, one year shall elapse before a Convention-elected officer may be eligible to the previously held office. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer and the Young People's Secretary shall be nominated by the W. M. U. Executive Board and elected by the State Convention Board. The B. W. C. Chairman shall be nominated by the State B. W. C. Federation and elected in annual meeting of the Mississippi W. M. U. The District Chairmen and District Young People's Counselors shall be nominated in annual meetings of the Districts and elected in annual meeting of the Mississippi W. M. U. The Training School Trustee and the Margaret Fund chairman shall be nominated by the Executive Board of the W. M. U. for election by the W. M. U. Auxiliary to S. B. C.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IX—Nominating Committee shall be changed to read: At the second Board meeting members of the Executive Board shall elect by ballot from among the District Chairmen and District Young People's Counselors three women who shall serve as a nominating committee for Convention-elected officers. The three polling the highest number of ballots shall be declared members of the committee. The chairman shall be elected by the committee. The Nominating Committee shall serve for a term of one year and shall fill any vacancies that may arise. If a member of the nominating committee shall cease to be a Board member during the year, this shall not terminate membership on the committee.

CORRECTION: The Lottie Moon Offering for Daniel Memorial, Jackson, should have read \$2,300.00.

Correction: Cash Church in Scott County should have been credited with \$5.00 for the Lottie Moon offering. That also makes Scott County one of the 100% Societies contributing.

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Big Creek Church Is Dedicated



Shown above is the Big Creek Church in Wayne County which was recently dedicated at impressive ceremonies. One of the oldest churches in the county, it was organized in 1865 in an old log house. The membership has grown from 65 to 116. Rev. Billy Hollingsworth is pastor.

Holly Springs Church Has 50 Years Of Growth

BY REV. J. L. BOYD

Last Sunday, March 1, was a memorable day in the history of the Holly Springs Church, Lincoln County, it being the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the church's organization. (It was constituted on March 1, 1903). A large crowd of people from the local community and from far distance places were present for the exercises, both morning and afternoon, with dinner on the ground. A number of the charter members were present who gave interesting talks of what took place fifty years ago, as they remembered it; but some who are in the organization were sick and could not attend, while others were living too far to come, but sent word.

The church, when organized, was predominantly a "White Church" as the first clerk was A. H. White; the man who suggested the name was A. White; the first delegates (as they called them) to the Association were J. W. White and A. S. White; the first death (in 1904) was Mrs. Fannie F. White. When the Sunday School was organized in 1904, the first superintendent was W. C. Douglass; and when the first Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1908 Mrs. Hettie Miller was the president.

Rev. J. L. Boyd, custodian of the Historical Society was present by invitation at the celebration to speak on "A Look Backward" to humble us, encourage us, thank God for his sustaining grace along the way and to gird our loins and go forward.

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April Calendar Of Activities

- 1—Fourth Term begins at Mississippi College.
- 5—Easter Sunday.
- 5-12—Training Youth Week in Churches.
- 27-18—State Retreat for B. S. U. Officers, Miss. Woman's College.
- 15-May 17—District Music Festivals.

Clarke's Senior Day Termed Successful

Senior Day at Clarke Memorial College which saw almost 300 high school students along with their sponsors register, was an outstanding success according to faculty and students. The schools from most distant points were Holcomb in Carroll County and Hernando in DeSoto County. The largest representations were from Newton High and Heidelberg High.

The following sponsors of students representing the following schools were: Thomas B. Dungan, Brandon; Rev. Montie A. Davis, Raleigh; Rev. C. B. Saucier, Mt. Olive; S. W. Downs, Burns; John O. Rutledge, Sandersville; R. G. Winstead and Oley Cross, Pisgah; Mrs. Cook Hurst, Pearl; Mrs. Ruth James, Janice; Mrs. J. W. Haskins, and Mrs. R. W. Almond, McAdams; Rev. Charles Tyler and J. C. Everett, Branch; Julian H. Jones, Center Hill; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Z. Ball, Brookhaven; Rev. C. G. Wells, and H. T. Holwer, Heidelberg; Rev. Robert L. Clegg, Holcomb; Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Harrison and Rev. C. E. Smith, Beaumont; Mrs. Grady Hamilton, Sharon; H. T. Overby, Stringer.

—BR—
Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston Salem, North Carolina, was the speaker during the Week of Inspiration February 23-27 at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- March 16—Frank Horton, BSU Secretary, Sunflower Junior College; Mrs. R. H. Young, WMU District I Chairman.
- March 17—G. G. Pierce, Associate, State Training Union Department; E. Q. Bullard, Calhoun Association Sunday School Superintendent.
- March 18—Will Frank Stealy, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. F. J. Boyd, faculty, Mississippi College.
- March 19—Dr. John F. Carter, faculty, Clarke Memorial College; Rev. V. R. Crider, Bolivar Association Chairman of Evangelism.
- March 20—N. L. Lackey, Calhoun Association Brotherhood President; Miss Mary Jeanne Wooley, faculty, Woman's College.
- March 21—Rev. F. L. Coker, Jackson Association Missionary; Mrs. R. K. Smith, House Mother, Baptist Orphanage.
- March 22—J. T. Grantham, Executive Assistant, Baptist Hospital; Mrs. Carl Meriether, Baptist Headquarters.

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20 DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Beginning on Monday, March 23, and continuing through April 17, all the workers in the state Sunday School department will give their full time to the 20 Sunday school conferences covering every section of the state.

Each of these conferences will have morning and afternoon sessions, beginning at 9:45 and closing at 3:15. They are for pastors, superintendents, department officers, class officers, teachers, associational Sunday school officers, missionaries, educational directors and church secretaries.

We have planned a very practical and helpful program for the different parts of our Sunday School and Vacation Bible school program for this year. We sincerely believe it will be helpful to our Sunday school leaders.

A Special Emphasis On A Million More in '54'

In the 20 conferences mentioned above, we are giving a very special place each day for an extra emphasis on the great Southern Baptist Sunday school goal of "A Million More in '54'."

We have several posters prepared for the express purpose of helping us in the presentation of this challenging goal for next year.

So, Brother Superintendent, and Brother Pastor, help us get as many of your people as possible to these conferences. Attend the one most convenient. Lunch will be served by the host church each day.

Posters giving the complete program, schedule of meeting places, etc., were mailed out this week to all superintendents and missionaries.

If you did not get one, Brother Superintendent, let us know and we shall be glad to mail another one to you.

Meeting Places and Dates

The meeting places and dates of the 20 Sunday school conferences are as follows: First week, Monday through Friday—Monticello, Meadville, Fayette, Jackson Parkway, and Mendenhall, March 23-27.

Second week, March 30-April 3, Bay Springs, Petal-Harvey, Handsboro, Leakesville, and Meridian, South Side.

Third week, April 6-10, Noxapater, New Albany, West Corinth, Fulton, and Aberdeen.

Fourth week, April 13-17, Leland, Lyon, Batesville, Calhoun City, and Winona.

Attend the one most convenient. Training Awards Records For January, 1953

No. Awards for January, 3,724.
No. Awards to date, 8,316.
No. Churches, 267.
No. Associations, 64.

High Five Associations

1. Hinds, 696.
2. Jones, 276.
3. Lebanon, 252.
4. Marin, 230.
5. Jackson, 219.

High Five Churches

1. Jackson, Parkway, 236.
2. Columbia, First, 164.

3. Mississippi College, 144.
4. Jackson, Calvary, 131 (tie).
5. Hattiesburg, Main Street, 131 (tie).

What About Ridgecrest?

Have you made that Ridgecrest reservation yet? If not, you better get busy. The time is near. Write to Mr. Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest, N. C., for reservation, and enclose \$2 fee.

The dates of the three Sunday School weeks are: June 18-24; June 25-July 1; July 2-8.

Mission Day—March 29

The last Sunday in each March is Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School.

This year that day is Sunday, March 29.

The purpose of this special day is two fold: To keep us informed as to our great Home and Foreign Mission program and work, and to give an opportunity for a special financial offering to these two vital and worthy parts of the program of Southern Baptists.

The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, mails to each superintendent a program for this special day. The idea is that the workers of each school shall study this material and then present the information contained therein in the way they think best for that school.

In some schools it is done in general assembly. In others it is done by departments, while in still others it is done by classes.

On pages 16 and 17 of the March issue of the Builder this program is also given.

We hope our Mississippi schools will plan to make March 29 a really great day in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions.

—BR—

Visiting WMU Speaker



Mrs. George R. Martin

Mrs. George R. Martin, of Norfolk, Va., president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, will be one of the principal visiting speakers when the State W. M. U. Convention meets at the First Church in Jackson March 31-April 2.

—BR—

If a man is right with God, he is right with the whole world.

The pastor is the only member of the church who has no pastor.

Orphanage Board Meets

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage was held at the Orphanage in Jackson on Tuesday, March 3 with the following members present: J. T. Biggs, Crystal Springs; Rev. M. D. Morton, Crystal Springs; James W. Jordan, Jr., Vicksburg; Dr. Russell Bush, Jr., Columbia; Rev. M. G. Reedy, Ruleville; Dr. C. M. Wells, Canton; W. H. Smith, Brookhaven; Curtis A. Smith, Drew; Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, Utica; R. H. Abbey, Webb; W. B. Williams, McComb; Lester Brown, Kosciusko; J. T. Hill, Jackson, and Ralph Hester, Jackson. Members Absent: J. V. Young, Collins; W. A. Huff, Forest; Rev. H. A. Merrit, Benton and Joe H. McCully, Louisville.

W. G. Mize, who is beginning his eighteenth year as superintendent, was unanimously elected by the



Ralph Hester

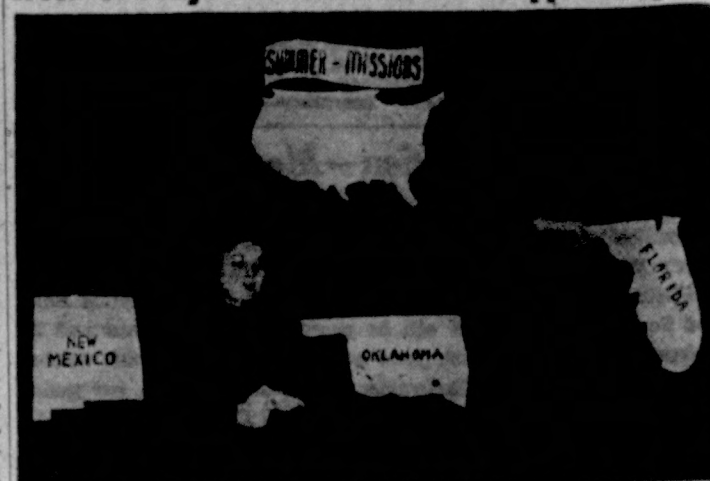
Trustees to serve in this capacity for another year. The following officers were unanimously elected to serve for the year: Ralph Hester, Jackson, president; W. H. Smith, Brookhaven, vice president and Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, Utica, secretary.

The report of the supt. to the Board of Trustees, gave evidence of the fact that the Home was being operated in a most satisfactory manner.

The number of children assisted during the year was 218; children admitted 61; these coming from fourteen different counties. The orphanage has representation from 46 counties, represented by sixty family groups, from one to seven children in each family group. Of this enrollment, there are 14 children whose parents are deceased; 19 children whose father is living, but mother deceased; 62 children whose mother is living, but father deceased; 55 children whose father and mother are living, these from broken homes or because of physical disability or other reasons provision cannot be made for their support and welfare.

The present enrollment of the orphanage is 150; 2 in college; 16 in high school; 112 in grammar school; 26 pre school age group. Two students graduated from college; one from Blue Mountain and is now teaching at Drew; the other from the University and is a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala.; five students graduated from Central High School in Jackson; 1 entered college; 2 business college; 1 employed and 1 married.

Week Of Prayer Observed At Mississippi College



Shown above is Miss Ruby Compere of Florence speaking at a noonday prayer meeting service during Home Mission Week of Prayer observance at Mississippi College.

Under direction of Miss Mary Ruth Magee, of Tylertown, president of the Young Woman's Association, the noon-day services were devoted to the observance of the Week of Prayer.

Speakers for the week were: Stanley Stamps, Prentiss; Billie Thaggard, Madden; Iris Hernandez, Pensacola, Fla.; Ruby Compere, Florence; and Elois Soward, McCall. Miss Toni Alexander of Boyle was the song leader for the week, with Jo Ann Stanley of Brookhaven as the pianist.

The noon-day services are sponsored by the Baptist Student Union under the direction of Charles Tolbert, student secretary. Miss Billie Thaggard is the devotional chairman.—(Photo by Joann West)

In the past very little has been written concerning the organization and function of a Baptist Association, and the associations have had no specific pattern to guide them in their work.

Southern Baptists now have more than a thousand associations and several thousand associational officers and workers. Some of the associations are well organized and are carrying on an effective program of work. Many others are poorly organized and have little or no program of work. Dr. S. F. Dowis has compiled a book that is entitled A MISSION PROGRAM FOR A BAPTIST ASSOCIATION which sets forth in a clear and comprehensive manner a suggested organization and program suited to any association whether it be in a large city or a remotely rural area. It costs \$1.00. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

Salem, Va. (BP)—W. C. Read, Thomasville, N. C., general superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children, and Wade B. East, Baptist Children's Home, Carmi, Ill., was re-elected secretary. A special committee was appointed to develop a joint publicity program for the children's homes. The committee will (1) plan and prepare material for state and Southern Baptist papers, (2) plan and produce a co-operative children's home film, and (3) develop liaison with the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The next annual meeting of the association will be held Jan. 28-29 in San Antonio, Texas.

One of the greatest assets we have for world peace is our mission program which stresses the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. A contribution to missions is an investment in world peace.—Florence J. Dunstan, professor, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia.

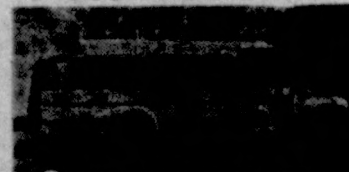
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Fred N. Jolly was licensed to the ministry by the First Baptist Church, Port Gibson, Sunday, March 3. Mr. Jolly is a graduate of Mississippi College. At present he is a member of the faculty of Port Gibson Public School. He serves as Training Union director in the local church.

Men's Day was observed in the First Church of Aberdeen on Sunday, March 8. Men were asked to set the example in attendance and special music was rendered by them at the evening service. Rev. C. W. Thompson is the pastor.

Friday night has been declared as Young People's night at the First Church in Aberdeen. Every Friday night all the young people are invited for an evening of planned fun and recreation in the church basement.

The Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet at Sardis on March 17. The program will begin at 9:45 and will adjourn at 12:30. Appearing on the program according to the secretary, Rev. A. L. Chumbley, will be Rev. James Brown, Rev. Tracey Barnett, Rev. Harold Clower, and Rev. J. D. Caples.

Highland Baptist Church of Jackson won the Hinds County Training Union attendance banner at the T. U. mass meeting on March 8, held at Parkway Baptist Church. Highland is one of the new churches in the county and they are making progress in all departments. George Kinard is T. U. director.

Darling Baptist Church reached its goal of 101 in Sunday School with 105 present March 8. The goal has been set for 111 next Sunday. There were also 4 rededications and 1 addition to the church by letter at the morning service. Training Union Attendance was 73 and the day's offering was \$107.89.

Rev. Clyde R. Meredith has resigned the church at Foxworth, Miss. in order to take up the work at The Second Baptist Church, Bessemer, Ala. He has served the Foxworth church for one year, during which time there was progress made in all the church activities. He will begin his work in Bessemer on March 17, 1953.

The first print of associational minutes by the Clarke College Press was delivered recently to the Clarke County Association. The minutes present an excellent appearance. One of the first copies was sent to the Baptist Building by the clerk of the association, Rev. W. L. Meadows, pastor of First Church of Quitman.

Will you please make a correction in the article which was recently sent to you for the State Paper. The article was on, "Why I Preach on Tithing" by Dr. E. N. Patterson. Correction should be made on point No. 6. It should read: "Because Southern Baptists as a group gave less than 2½ per cent of their income last year". The item No. 6 reads, as sent to you, "Because Southern Baptists as a group gave less than 1½ per cent of their income last year." E. N. Patterson.

The Baptist Record appreciates an invitation from the Memorial Baptist Hospital, Memphis, to attend the ground breaking ceremony for its new addition. The ceremony will be held Sunday, March 15 at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board announces the completion of ten 13 minute radio programs produced in co-operation with the Office of Promotion and the Baptist Radio Commission to be used in revivals, especially simultaneous campaigns. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary, gives a ten minute message and appropriate music, Scripture, and announcements take the other three minutes leaving a minute and one half for local announcements. These may be ordered without cost from your Baptist Radio Commission, station WATL.

Dr. Walter Moore, pastor of the First Church, Meridian, will do the preaching in a revival at Calvary Church, Jackson, March 15-22, and Charles Shacklette, of First Church, Yazoo City, will direct the music. Dr. Harold G. Basden is the pastor.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Steart, Laurel; Mrs. E. H. Sims, Hattiesburg; W. C. Johnson, Mossville; E. L. Howell, Centerville; Martin Douglas, Wesson; Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jordan, Sidon; Robert L. Jordan, Jr., Sidon; Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Gay, Newton; Webb Gay, Newton; Katherine Muirhead, Hollandale; Mrs. Marcus Treadway, J. E. Neal, Grenada; Marie Staten, Grenada; H. E. Watson, Noxapater; and Rev. Mack Bomer, Holly Bluff.

The annual egg offering for Baptist Orphanage is April 5th. Each year at Eastertime, Baptists from all sections of Mississippi provide a supply of eggs for the children of the home. Many city and town churches will not have access to eggs and make a cash offering instead. The home then will use the money to buy eggs from farmers and produce houses as they are needed. Every church and community will want to observe the Egg Offering on or near Easter Sunday. If you need a crate or carton to make shipment, just drop a card to Baptist Orphanage, P. O. Box 1045, Jackson, Mississippi, and they will be pleased to send you one.

Rev. J. M. Metts, Winona, will be the evangelist at the Levi Church in Memphis, Tenn. during the Simultaneous Revival Campaign in Shelby County, Tenn. April 5-19. Rev. Ira F. Metts, former Mississippi pastor, is pastor of the Levi Church. There will be 76 Baptist churches participating in the revival effort.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Mexican Baptists of Texas have contributed \$1,783 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. The check was received here in the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, from Convention Bautista Mexicana de Texas with headquarters in San Antonio, Tex. It was signed by Eulogio L. Goza, treasurer of the convention.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 10, 1953

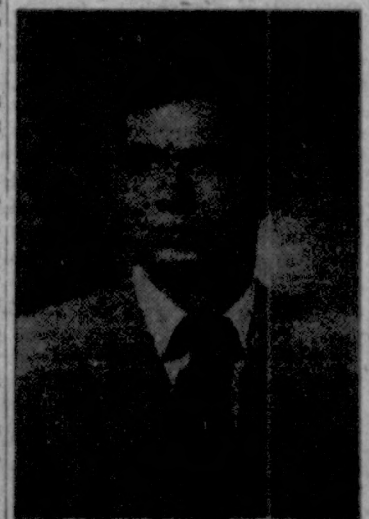
Jackson, Northside	633	146
Jackson, Calvary	1496	469
Main Church	1434	422
Mission	62	47
Jackson, First	1550	518
Jackson, Westview	241	169
Jackson, Van Winkle	487	246
Jackson, Southside	423	212
Jackson, Daniel		
Memorial	608	300
Jackson, Parkway	1084	502
Jackson, Crestwood	572	372
Jackson, Highland	151	108
Jackson, Broadmoor	209	87
Pearl City (Rankin Co.)	130	135
Paul Truitt (Rankin Co.)	282	198
Holly Bluff (Yazoo Co.)	132	100
Grenada, Emanuel	208	98
Laurel, First	550	149
Laurel, West	431	127
Mission	29	21
Laurel, Second Ave.	461	123
Darling	105	73
Beulah (Brownsville)	107	83
Yazoo City, First	537	179
Coat (Simpson Co.)	64	54
Bay St. Louis, First	119	55
Morton	282	138
Vicksburg, First	574	157
Mt. Zion (Pontotoc Co.)	135	85
Hattiesburg, Temple	575	162
Ruth	52	50
Louisville, First	489	165
Louisville, South	35	34
Philadelphia, First	342	124
Concord (Choctaw Co.)	82	85
Pascagoula, Unity	70	44
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	141	68
Mont Rose (Clarke Co.)	93	94
Meridian, South Side	321	178
Houlka	98	56
Clarksdale	765	144
Meridian, Oakland Heights	231	89
Lucedale	395	177
Pleasant Ridge		
(Chickasaw Co.)	71	88
Columbus, Southside	190	93
Main School	165	
Mission	25	
Glenfield (Union Co.)	103	89
Abbeville	68	35
County Line (Jones Co.)	77	54
Corinth, East	82	70
Enterprise	155	85
Yazoo City, Calvary	183	136
Meridian, Highland	523	163
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	170	132
Meridian, Poplar Springs		
Drive	424	210
Pelahatchie	177	66
Sand Hill (Jones Co.)	58	41
McComb, Friendship	164	87
Hattiesburg, Main Street	879	261
Center Ridge (Yazoo Co.)	211	145
Foxworth	168	70
Crystal Springs, First	680	182
Houston, First	304	143
Union (Alcorn Co.)	55	68
Newton	517	235
Ruleville	231	83
Itta Bena, First	209	105
Greenwood, Calvary	433	209
Raymond	208	83
Calhoun City, First	329	127
Laurel, Wildwood	151	50
Walnut Grove	111	65
Midway (Lauderdale Co.)	144	67
Purvis, First	231	93
Brookhaven, First	749	309
Main	673	212
Southway	46	86
Halbert Heights	30	17
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	106	76
Friendship (Lincoln Co.)	67	52
Gulfport, First	331	293
Clinton	576	305
Brookhaven, Parkhaven	164	77

Handsboro	211	112
Gulfport, New Hope	104	33
Kosciusko, First	747	260
Kosciusko, Second	176	116
Harmony (Jones Co.)	154	93
Pascagoula, First	895	332
Main School	702	249
Orange Grove Chapel	42	32
Jackson Ave. Chapel	99	29
McArthur Chapel	52	22
Columbus, East End	220	92
Longview (Oktibbeha Co.)	48	45
Grenada, First	741	143
McComb, East	440	183

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Zion (Pontotoc Co.)	150	56
Philadelphia, First	366	113
Union (Alcorn Co.)	83	56
Pleasant Ridge		
(Chickasaw Co.)	56	76
Harmony (Jones Co.)	170	115
Corinth, Tate St.	278	89
Concord (Choctaw Co.)	73	60
Midway (Lauderdale Co.)	120	60
Louisville, First	512	181
Louisville, West End	48	57
Houlka	113	45
Glenfield (Union Co.)	114	84
Lucedale	417	167
Mont Rose (Clarke Co.)	91	92
Morton	420	158
Friendship (Jackson Co.)	85	61
Amity (Choctaw Co.)	42	46
Meridian, South Side	396	158
Meridian, Highland	533	165
McLain	114	94
Itta Bena, First	193	80
County Line (Jones Co.)	75	65
West End (Clay Co.)	53	60

Don't be so busy with the things to live on that we forget the things to live for.



REV. LOUIS WILHITE

Rev. Louis Wilhite, above, a ministerial student at Mississippi College, will lead in a Youth Revival at the Hickory Grove Church, Lamar county, March 29-April 3. Rev. Horace Carpenter is pastor. Mr. Wilhite has won medals in debating at Mississippi College for the past two years.

R. A. TULLOS ACCEPTS VICKSBURG PASTORATE



Dr. R. A. Tullos

Dr. R. A. Tullos, pastor of Calvary Church in Greenwood the past ten years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Bowmar Avenue Church in Vicksburg, effective April 1.

During his ministry at Calvary that church experienced a tremendous growth.

The church budget increased from \$3,000 to \$30,000 and 1198 members were added to the church rolls.

A three-story educational annex was constructed while the sanctuary was substantially enlarged.

Sunday School enrollment increased from 208 to 790 and Training Union enrollment grew from 68 to 315.

A full-time church secretary and a full-time minister of music and education were added.

Dr. Tullos will succeed Rev. O. L. Chambers who resigned to become minister of music and education of North Orange Church, Orange, Texas.

Dr. Tullos is a graduate of Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary.

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Shown above is the Girls Ensemble from the Macedonia Church in Lincoln Association which plans to take part in the coming District Music Festivals. This ensemble which organized less than a year ago took a superior rating in the State Music Festival last Nov. 28. This ensemble represents the possibility of any rural church as well as any city church in the state music festivals. Rev. A. W. Talbert, pastor, Paul Thompson, director.

Marshall County Association Holds Hymn Sing

On Feb. 22, the Marshall county Music Association met at Byhalia Baptist Church. There were nine churches represented with 115 present. Under the direction of Mrs. Sallie Rhea Brewer many wonderful numbers were rendered, solos, duets, choir numbers, and quartets. Everyone enjoyed the program very much. The next meeting will be the fourth Sunday afternoon at Spring Hill Baptist Church. (by reporter)

The Marshall Association was organized about a year ago and Mrs. Sallie Brewer, Slayden, was elected Associational Music Di-

rector. The Marshall Association has scheduled an Associational School of Music to be lead by the State Director of Music, which will be held June 23rd through the 26th, 1953.

Lincoln Holds Associational Hymn Sing

On March 1, the Lincoln County Association met with the Macedonia Church of which Rev. A. W. Talbert is pastor. The program was under the leadership of the Associational Director, Eugene Price. The program presented was similar to the one held in Pike county recently. The first period was a congregational song period. The second period was a conference period in which special were led by song leaders, pianists, organists, congregational singing, members of the choirs, pastors. The general assembly followed the conference period which special numbers, congregational singing, and announcements were held. Following announcements, the State Director of Music was presented.

Much interest was expressed in the coming District Music Festival program in a large number of churches in the Lincoln Association and indications were made of entering the festival program this year.

Wayne Todd Takes Kentucky Pastorate

Rev. Wayne E. Todd, after more than 5 years as pastor of the Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, resigned Sunday night, March 8, to accept the call of the Immanuel Church, Lexington, Kentucky. The former pastor of the Immanuel Church was Dr. E. N. Wilkinson, a native Mississippian.

During Brother Todd's ministry, 1,071 individuals were added to the membership of the church; Sunday School enrollment increased from 426 to 1,275; Training Union enrollment from 87 to 600; W. M. U. from 131 to 260. A Brotherhood was organized with an enrollment of 75. The value of the church building and property has increased from \$18,650.00 to \$224,000.00. During the five years the following were added to the church staff: Assistant Pastor, minister of music and education, educational secretary, church secretary, and librarian.

In presenting his resignation, Mr. Todd stated, "I have never worked with nor have I ever known a more progressive, cooperative, and faithful people as you have been here at Daniel Memorial."

—BR—

Rev. John D. Alexandria of Kingsland, Ga. has been called by the First Church, Brookhaven to accept the position of Minister of Missions succeeding Rev. A. Marvin Sanders, who resigned as of March 7.

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — There will be free housing for home and foreign missionaries only, during the Southern Baptist Convention that meets here May 6-10. This does not include associational and district missionaries. Those qualifying should write Mrs. Presley E. Hand, 1247 Overhill Drive, Houston, Texas.

At the same time God lets us see a need, he gives us an invitation to meet it.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Figures Don't Lie

In last week's issue of the Baptist Record there appeared a list of the 100 churches leading in Cooperative Program gifts for the first quarter of the Convention year. Due to some churches having given the same amounts the list included 112 churches. It is significant that every one of those churches except one is an EVERY FAMILY church and that one has a good size list.

The Baptist Record is not a cure all, but it certainly does help. At least, it seems that leading in financial gifts and Baptist Record go hand in hand.

Pleasant Valley

While Pastor B. E. Craft was slightly under the weather we had the privilege of supplying at Pleasant Valley on a recent Sunday. Since our last visit to this church extensive renovations have been made.

The entire interior of the church has been done over with partitions added providing more Sunday school rooms and a beautiful pulpit installed.

According to several members of the church the affairs are now in better shape than they have been for years.

Record readers in Simpson County are now listed as follows: ANTHOCH 23; Athens 1; BRAXTON 32; COATS 15; Campbells Creek 12; D'LO 37; Dry Creek 19; FORK (BETHLEHEM) 45; Goodwater 6; HARRISVILLE 45; HOLLEY GROVE 22; MACDONIA 58; MAGEE 208; MENDENHALL 118; MT. ZION 94; NEW HOPE 39; OAK GROVE 58; Palestine 13; PINE GROVE 25; PINOLA 57; PLEASANT HILL 60; PLEASANT VALLEY 40; SHIVERS 30; SILOAM 28; STONEWALL 29; STRONG RIVER 37; and WEATHERSBY 43; New Bethlehem 1; SARTOGA 21; and CORINTH 40.

Calvary Is No. 1051

Another church to join the popular and progressive Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record is Calvary Church in Humphreys County.

And when they say Every Family they mean Every Family. Included in the list are SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHO ARE IN THE ARMED SERVICES OVERSEAS.

Humphreys County Record readers are now listed as follows: Boulah 18; BELZONI 215; ISOLA 38; LOUISE 37; SILVER CITY 32; Gooden Lake 2; Wild Wood 9; CALVARY 57.

Locust Grove Is No. 1052

Locust Grove Church in Union County now joins the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Recently Mrs. Grace Kitchens sent in a list of 34 with instructions to send the Record. This means that the families of Locust Grove Church are going to be better informed about Baptist affairs at

Rev. N. G. Hickman Goes To Alcorn Co.

Rev. N. G. Hickman, for several years Winston County missionary, has resigned in order to accept the same work in Alcorn Association. He will begin his duties on the new field April 1.

He succeeds Rev. R. B. Patterson who has become Area Missionary in Northeast Mississippi.

—BR—

Houston, Tex. (BP)—To assure your request for accommodations in a private home at the Southern Baptist Convention, you are asked to heed the following suggestions:

(1) Write as soon as you know definitely that you will be coming to the Convention. (2) State how many in your party, for with children it is much more difficult to find suitable accommodations. (3) Inclose with your request a two dollar deposit for each room. The charge will be two dollars per person per night in a private home. (This change in price was made by the General Committee this week.) (4) Address your request to Carroll Ray, Homes Committee, 2420 Milam Street, Houston Tex.

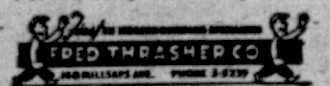
home and abroad. That means that the pastor can accomplish more with the same effort and that the church will be more interested in all the affairs of Baptist people.

Record readers in Union County are now listed as follows: Amaziah 2, Blue Springs 1, CENTER 65, ELLISTOWN 69, Enterprise 14, GLENFIELD 71, INGRAM 97 Jericho 3, Liberty 1, MYRTLE 38, NEW ALBANY, FIRST 461, NEW ALBANY, NEELY MEMORIAL 19, Pleasant Hill 13, Pleasant Ridge 4, TEMPLE 32, WALLERVILLE 64, Zion Hill 1, and LOCUST GROVE 33.



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On Sunday, February 15, the members of Calvary Baptist Church, West Point, presented Rev. Carey Sansing and his family a set of Winterling China. The gift was presented by Mr. E. C. Barton, Superintendent of the Sunday School. In presenting the gift, Mr. Barton expressed the hope that it would show more than words the appreciation of the church for the efforts of Bro. Sansing and his family in the church's progress.

Mr. Sansing, who has served as half-time pastor of Calvary Church since its organization more than a year ago, has resigned to accept the full time pastorate of Siloam Baptist Church.

High attendance in all services of the church marked Sunday as an outstanding day. There were nineteen additions to the church during the day.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For March 15

ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD

Scripture text; Matthew 25:14-46.

I. Twin Parables

In Luke 19:11-27 our Lord tells the story of the parable of the pounds. In this parable we are impressed by the fact that in the distribution of His property among his servants the master gave them equal opportunities in the fact that they each received equal amounts. There is for us who have volunteered as His servants teaching of great worth. At midnight awake upon my pillow I hear the college bell toll the hour, and I know that from then until the next midnight there are just twenty-four hours. That is the period that I have, no minute more or less; it is also the period that the president of the college has, no minute more, no minute less.

It is the period that the millionaire has, no second more than the mendicant has. The king has twenty-four hours, and the private in his army has just 24 hours, no more, no less.

So the Lord commits unto us opportunities that are equal with the opportunities with every other person. To each and everyone of His servants, a life, one la,efi task, one task, a work, one work.

"To each man is given a day and his work for the day; and once, and no more, he is given to travel this way." There is as in so many regards the Lord's servants are all given equal opportunities, each with each, and are required to be faithful in the employment of these opportunities.

Now the same demand of faithfulness is set forth in the parable of the talents, but there is a difference here between the employment of the word talent and the sense in which it is used at present. This word 'talent' has been curiously turned aside from its original meaning. It is now generally applied to none but people of remarkable gifts. Our Lord used the word to express a certain sum of money, as it was used in His day, it had no reference to mental ability at all; but we have so turned it aside from its original meaning that it is now exclusively used to denote special ability, intellectually, artistically, or otherwise.

People remarkable for ability as musicians, poets, artists of a n y kind, are referred to as talented people. In this sense of the word and for the teaching purpose of this parable, we may say that all genuine Christians are talented people; because all, without distinction, have talents in God's sight. Any ability we have whereby we may glorify God is a talent: our native gifts, our influence, our money, our knowledge, our health, our strength, o u r time, our senses, our reasoning, our intellect, our memory, our affections, our privileges as members of Christ's Church, our advantages as possessors of the Bible—all are talents.

Whence came all these things?

What hand bestowed them? Why are we what we are? Why are we not the worms that crawl on the earth, the birds that wing the air, or the fish that pass through the paths of the sea? There is only one answer to these questions. All that we are; all that we have, are merely loans from God. See you a woman of usual grace and beauty and culture? The great God has her charged up with all these remarkable bestowments. In o n e sense they are not gifts at all, but loans with which the good Lord has her charged and for the profitable employment of which He will hold her responsible. I once knew a lawyer of fine physique, of brilliant mind, with a voice like a great organ tone. I remember wishing when I became a preacher that I possessed this lawyer's unusual equipment for the preaching of the gospel. It was, of course, His to determine whether God had designated him to the practice of the legal profession, but viewing the manner in which he discharged that possible mission from God I could never believe that he employed his loans in a manner that pleased the Lender. But I believe this parable of the talents teaches that the lender will hold every borrower responsible for the faithfulness with which he employs the goods and properties lent to him.

After the bestowment of the loan, the difference in the rewards of those who have accepted them depends upon the fidelity and faithfulness with which each employs the loan.

There is a servant of God to whom has been lent the ability in a special way to make food grow out of the earth. He may not be especially endowed with, or loaned the special ability to direct a section crew on the railroad, and for such direction the Lord will not hold him responsible. Here's a woman to whom has been lent the special gift of teaching children. She may not be able to sing like Madam Shumanheink, but she will not be required to do so. She will be required to employ her gift loaned talent for teaching little children. According to her faithfulness in doing this she shall receive the plaudit of the Lord in the last day.

II. The Judgment

I am well aware that there are those of my brethren as good men as I am and very much more broadly and deeply and profoundly learned who believe that there are to be a number of different judgments of different classes of people on different bases of judgment. Only this I profess to know: there is to be judgment. The whole world is in that judgment, every person of every quality or station will appear in judgment. Every such person will be judged. The standard of this judgment is the mercy of God, and the bases of it is the righteousness of God. The judge at the great assizes is the begotten Son of God and son of man.

The verdict in every case of this judgment will be altogether and exactly righteous.

Now God has commanded men that they should all everywhere get right with Him because He has fixed this day of judgment. This, by the way is the only day I know

Meridian Church Marks Pastor's Anniversary

On March 1 the 41st Avenue Church in Meridian observed the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. T. L. Pfeifer.

Many improvements were noted in the life of the church during these years. The Sunday School enrollment grew from 491 to 583.

Training Union enrollment jumped from 100 to 237. W. M. U. enrollment increased from 111 to 200.

228 have been baptized with the church membership now standing at 1222. The auditorium has been remodeled.

Many other improvements were recorded during the five years.

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Lieut.-Gov. Carroll Gartin is scheduled to be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Bolivar County Associational Brotherhood to be held Monday night, March 16, at the Calvary Church in Cleveland. S. H. Mullins, Cleveland, president, will preside over the meeting which will be in the form of a luncheon meeting.



WALTER L. IVEY

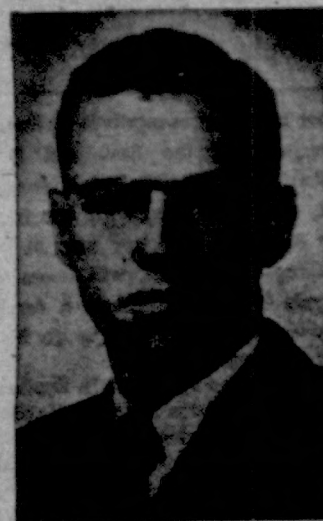
Walter L. Ivey completed twenty-five years of perfect attendance in Sunday School on Sunday, March 1. A member of the South Side Baptist Church of Meridian, he began this record as a member of the C. C. Dunn Bible Class. For a period of time he was a patient in a veteran's hospital. While there he organized a Sunday School class in the hospital and enlisted many in attendance.

—BR—

The Japan Baptist Convention reports one baptism for every eleven Baptist church members during 1952.

of that is fixed. Do not let us forget this fact for one moment. You and I must one day stand before the judgment bar and look our judge in the face and hear Him pronounce upon us the judgment that is due us. This judgment will fix our destiny through all the eternal years. The character that we bring to this judgment will have been made manifest by the conduct which has distinguished us while we live here in the flesh. These facts plain, reassuring, sobering, ought to steady us as we walk the sun-bright way along which our Savior leads us from this world into the land of light.

38th Avenue Evangelist



DR. J. HARDEE KENNEDY

Leading the revival at Thirty-Eighth Avenue Church in Hattiesburg during the Lebanon Simultaneous Crusade March 15 - 22 will be Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, who is professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at New Orleans Seminary, and the singer, Rev. Reece Acklen, pastor Chunky Church. Rev. V. C. Windham is the pastor.

—BR—

Beautifully bound in red paper are the minutes of the Lawrence County Association which was held with the Jayess Church. The next session will be held with Oakvale Church with Rev. Joe W. Hudson listed to bring the associational sermon. The next session will be the 53rd annual session.

Rev. W. R. Swensen formerly of Wayne county, has accepted the pastorate of the Duncan church.

Funds on hand for relief needs are not adequate to meet emergencies existing in several parts of the world. Checks for this purpose should be sent to the Southern Baptist Relief Committee, Dr. Geo. W. Sadler, director, P.O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.

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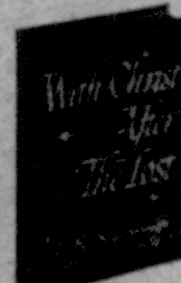
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FOR BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its February meeting, named seven young people for overseas mission service and determined the area breakdown in 785,000 which will be used for buildings and equipment on the foreign mission fields. Final decision on definite projects where the money will be used was deferred until the March meeting of the Board.

Of the capital funds, 735,000 is part of 1,038,000 which the Board received early in January from the Cooperative Program funds over-and-above the fixed budget of the Convention. At its January meeting the Board set aside 500,000 of the amount to assure the appointment of up to 100 new missionaries in 1953.

However, the Lottie Moon Offering is providing 300,000 to be applied toward the support and maintenance of new missionaries. Therefore, the Board recommended that 200,000 of the 500,000 be added to the capital funds. An additional 350,000, available from other sources, was added to total 785,000.

Latin America will receive \$300,000 of the capital funds; Africa, Europe, and the Near East, \$260,000; and the Orient, \$225,000.

Appointees for Korea

Four of the new missionaries were named for Korea as the Board's first direct appointees to that country where six members of its former China staff have been relocated. They are Dr. and Mrs. John Hayward, of Michigan, he a medical doctor and she a registered nurse, and the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Dowell, of Oklahoma.

Dr. and Mrs. Hayward were named special appointees. He will fill an emergency need for a medical doctor in Korea, while she and their three small children will remain in the States for the present. Dr. Dowell will go directly to Korea where he will probably teach Bible to young people who have devoted their lives to full-time Christian service. Mrs. Dowell and their daughter, Tedona Lee, 11-12 years, will go to Japan, where Mrs. Dowell will study the Korean language while waiting for permission to enter Korea.

Other appointees are Dr. Martha Hagood, of Alabama, for Japan, and the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bell, Jr., of Texas and Tennessee, for Guatemala. Dr. Hagood is the Board's fourth medical doctor and the second woman doctor to be named for the opening of hospital work in Japan.

Representation in Spain

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, reported on plans to confer with the Spanish Ambassador in Washington, D. C., relative to religious liberty in Spain and the securing of permanent visas for missionary couples who wish to enter the country soon.

At present Southern Baptists do

not have representatives in Spain; expected that the Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, of Mississippi, who have served for one term in Argentina and are now in the States on furlough, will leave for Spain in June of this year. Another couple is expected to go later in the year.

Dr. Sadler said that in Southern Rhodesia, where Southern Baptists have been working less than three years, there are five regularly organized Baptist churches and a number of preaching points. A central Baptist school with 250 pupils is maintained in Sanyati; and there are five outstation schools with an average of 50 pupils each. Dr. Sadler will leave Richmond February 18 to transact mission business in Spain, Italy, Switzerland, and the Middle East.

While in the Middle East, he will visit Gaza, coast city in southern Palestine which is now under the military control of Egypt, to investigate the possibility of taking over a hospital formerly directed by another religious group. This hospital is located in the midst of 300,000 Arab refugees.

Persecution in Colombia

Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, told the Board that, according to the annual report of the Evangelical Federation of Colombia, representing 17 Protestant mission groups, more than 150 cases of religious persecution occurred in Colombia during 1952.

He said, "According to the report, these included the murder of seven Protestants, destruction of three churches, the bombing of six churches and missionary residences, the stoning of 12 churches, imprisonment of 40 Protestants, and the closing of 12 schools by the government."

Dr. Gill continued, "Significantly enough, in the very midst of this continuing persecution, we are happy to report the prospects of the opening of a Baptist seminary in Cali."

He said that about 2,900 decisions for Christ were counted in a recent simultaneous revival effort conducted in Jamaica by 74 Southern Baptist ministers from the States. It was a joint effort of the Home and Foreign Missions Boards of Southern Baptists and the English-speaking Jamaica Baptist Union.

Relief for Holland

The Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recently appropriated \$28,000 of relief funds to meet emergency needs in overseas areas.

Ten thousand dollars will be used in Holland to help families left homeless by the recent storm; \$10,000 will go to Korea, where Southern Baptists have already sent \$100,000; \$5,000 will help refugees from East Germany; \$2,500 will be used in a joint effort with American and other Baptist groups in beginning a Bible school in the eastern zone of Germany; and \$500 will be used toward the purchase of a church building lot in Singen, Germany.

I Met the Master

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50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

The following excerpts from a personal letter concerning the "50, 40 and 25 Years Ago" column is very much appreciated: "Dear Brother Boyd:

"If you have ever lost a very, very dear loved one, I'm sure you can understand how one feels when any evidence is seen that he is remembered.

"Thank you so much for the reference made to Mr. (L. G.) Gates in the Baptist Record under 'Twenty-Five Years Ago.' It did my heart good just to see his name in print again. . . . Thanks again for remembering him whom I miss so much.

"Sincerely,
"Mrs. L. G. Gates, Laurel."

30 YEARS AGO—

Miss Annie W. Armstrong, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, in her tour of Mississippi was in Jackson in consultation with the W. M. U. leaders of the state.

40 YEARS AGO—

Pastor H. W. Provence of Clinton, with the assistance of Dr. J. W. Provine, secured a stereopticon outfit, mounted it in the upper chapel, and the pastor "gave a most interesting il-

lustrated lecture on China showing on the screen views that he and his co-laborers had taken" while he was a missionary in that country.

25 YEARS AGO—

Pastor J. S. Riser, Jr., of the Durant Baptist Church tells of meeting of the ladies of Holmes County, celebrating the Fortieth Anniversary of W. M. U. in the South in the Durant Church. Speakers: Mrs. J. F. Williams of Lexington, Mrs. L. T. Suber of Durant, Miss Ruby Quillen of Tchula, Miss Una Montgomery of Pickens, and as a climax an address by Miss Fannie Traylor, state Young People's Leader.

Sue Lipsey (Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, Jr.) writes from London: "My husband and I joined the Putney Baptist Church on February 5th." Further, "So far as we have been able to know, no direct invitation for church membership is made at any preaching service. . . . The 'Doors of the Church' have never been opened. To become a member, application is made to the Execu-

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five (Pastor and seven deacons)."

RECOMMENDATION OF RADIO COMMISSION

To the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, May 6-10, 1953:

"That the Radio and Television Commission be and is hereby authorized to continue to seek to finance the cost of the Baptist Hour by soliciting contributions from individuals in keeping with the business and financial plan of the Convention."

EDITOR'S NOTE: We recommend this action by the Radio and Television Commission to all agencies. Any proposed action should be published; matters will not be hurt—others will.)